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PIN Domain
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a top level domain under India's country code PIN domain has been in operation for many years;

(b) if so, when this domain was established;

(c) the number of times the domain has been renewed; and

(d) the other relevant details about the functioning of the domain?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. .IN is the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) name, designated for use to represent India. In 1989, the National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), an autonomous organization of Government of India, was entrusted the responsibility for the operations of .IN.

(c) There is no renewal process of .IN the top level domain assigned to India. In November 2004, the Government of India designated and appointed the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) a company registered under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956 (now section 8 under Companies Act, 2013) as .IN registry to look after the operations of .IN, the .IN registry till date.

(d) NIXI functioning as the .IN registry ensures operational stability, security and reliability of the .IN ccTLD. The .IN registry implements the .IN policies of Government of India and facilitates the registration of domain names through its accredited registrars.

At present, 117 Registrars have been accredited to offer .IN domain name registration worldwide to customers. This has helped proliferation of web hosting in the Country. Over 2.2 million .IN Domain names have so far been registered.

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